

GUARDIANS OF THE FOREST

FOREST MANAGEMENT

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A misty forest of tall evergreen trees, likely spruce or fir, with a soft, hazy atmosphere. The trees are densely packed and their colors range from deep green to a lighter, yellowish-green, suggesting a mix of species or perhaps the effect of the mist. The background is a soft, out-of-focus forest, creating a sense of depth and tranquility.

“We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors,
we borrow it from our children”

- Native American proverb (often attributed to the Haida or other indigenous tribes)

—————• The forest belongs to itself, we belong to the forest. •—————

Research Questions

RQ1 - Forest

How are people connecting with the forest?

RQ2 - Locals

Do children have an interest in going to the forest to play or would they rather play in more structured areas?

RQ3 - Intersection

How can we foster a stronger democratic connection between people and nature?



Our Experience at Munkacsy Park

Tapasztalataink a Munkácsy parkban



“Find high ground”
challenge



Animal home construction

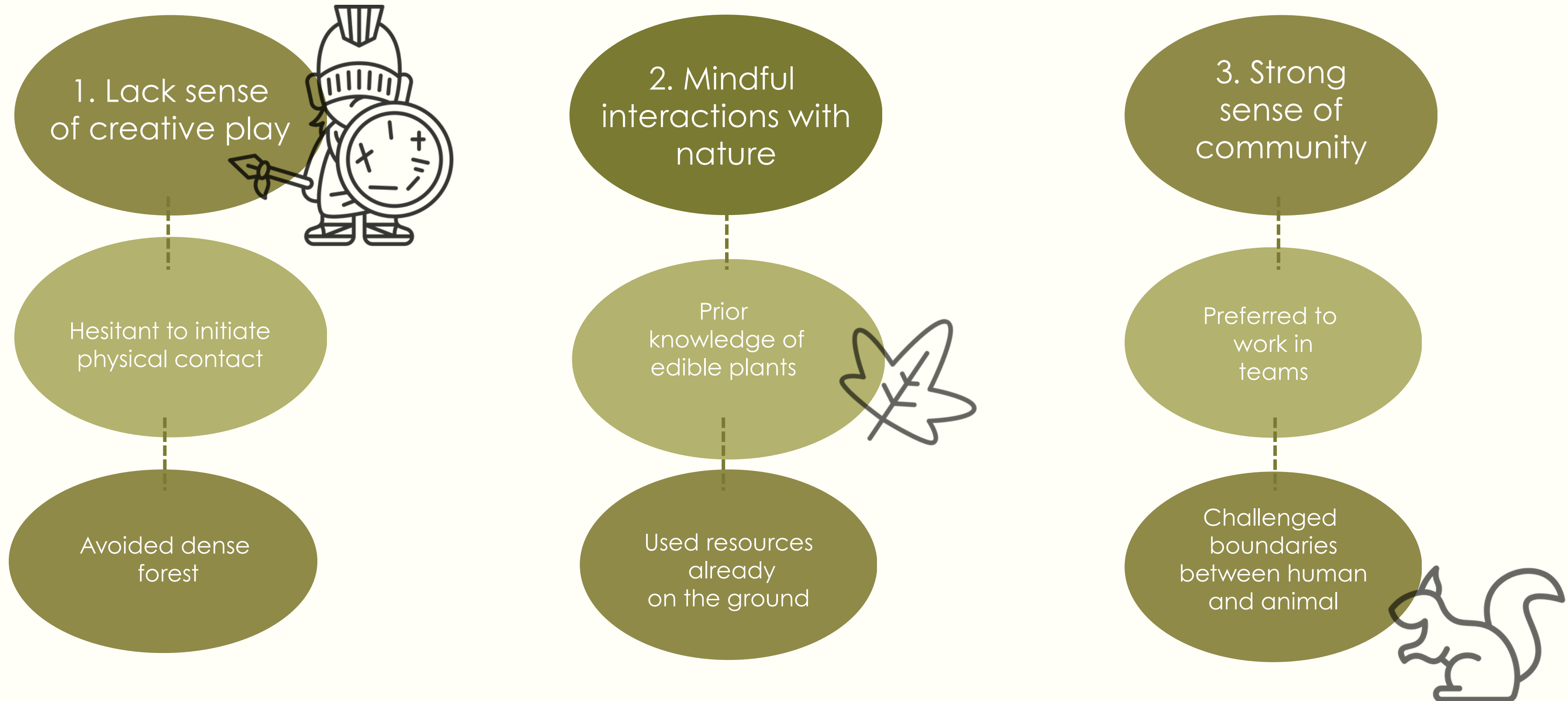
Our Game:

- Participants represented people and animals
- Find natural materials to construct your space
- Goal: both parties learn to coexist in close proximity



What we learned from the children

Mit tanultunk a gyerekektől



OUR VISION A VÍZIÓNK



Guardians
of the forest

FOSTER
CREATIVITY

INVITE &
WELCOME
WITHOUT
FORCE

NO CONNECTION,
NO ENGAGEMENT

STEWARDSHIP
> OWNERSHIP

GIVE & TAKE

FOODSCAPES
CONCEPT OF
EDIBILITY

HARMONIOUS
CO-EXISTENCE

MODEST
INTERVENTION

GRADUAL
SPREAD BY
USERS

WHY OUR VISION LEADS TO DEMOCRATIC TRANSFORMATION?

Title

Modest interventions.
Potentials to explore and
imagine

OPENNESS

EQUALITY

People as equal
to forest.
Managing is not a
practice of power

Neighborhood's
And children's agency on how
to spread the interventions

PARTICIPATION

EMPATHY

Childrens' emotional connection
as guardians

Stakeholders

Érdekeltek felek

Long term
**Active and
Maintained Forest**



Baptist
congregation



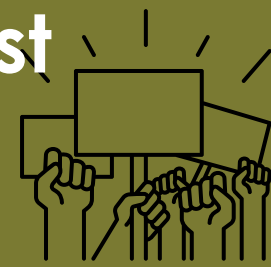
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Törökhegy



Activists



Chief
Architect



Children of
Törökhegy



Wineyard
family



Scouts



Hospital



Vác Urban
Development Ltd.



Waldorf
school

Short term
**Guardians
of the forest**

Interventions

Beavatkozások

- PATHWAY- ÚTVONAL

We **highlighted a pathway** with red yarn, for creating a **safe walk** through a sense of magical journey where **every step invites exploration and fantasy**.



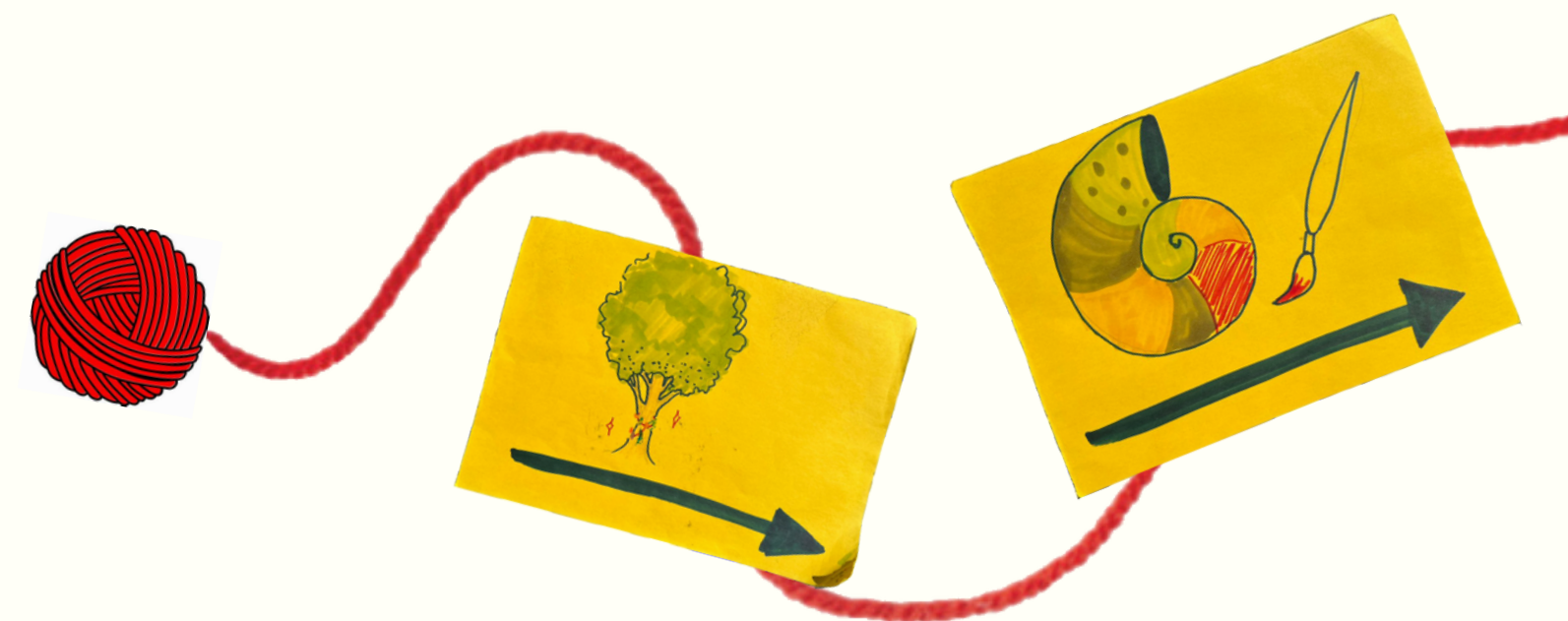
Red is a vibrant color which symbolises passion strength, bravery and love. Also, visually striking which makes it easy to spot along the pathway.



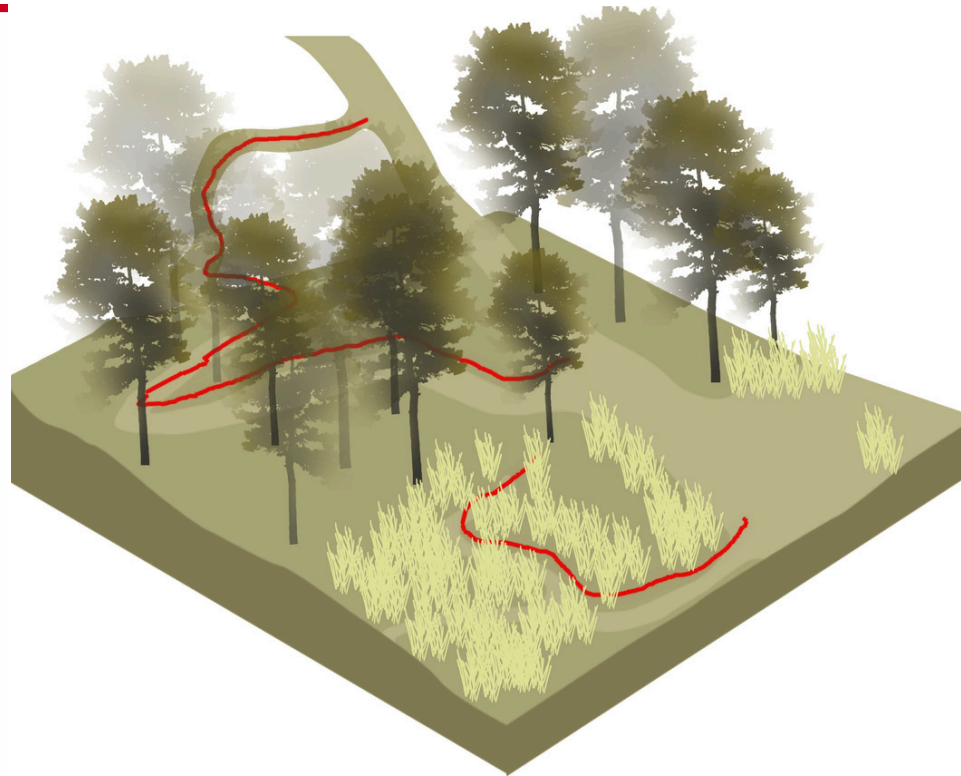
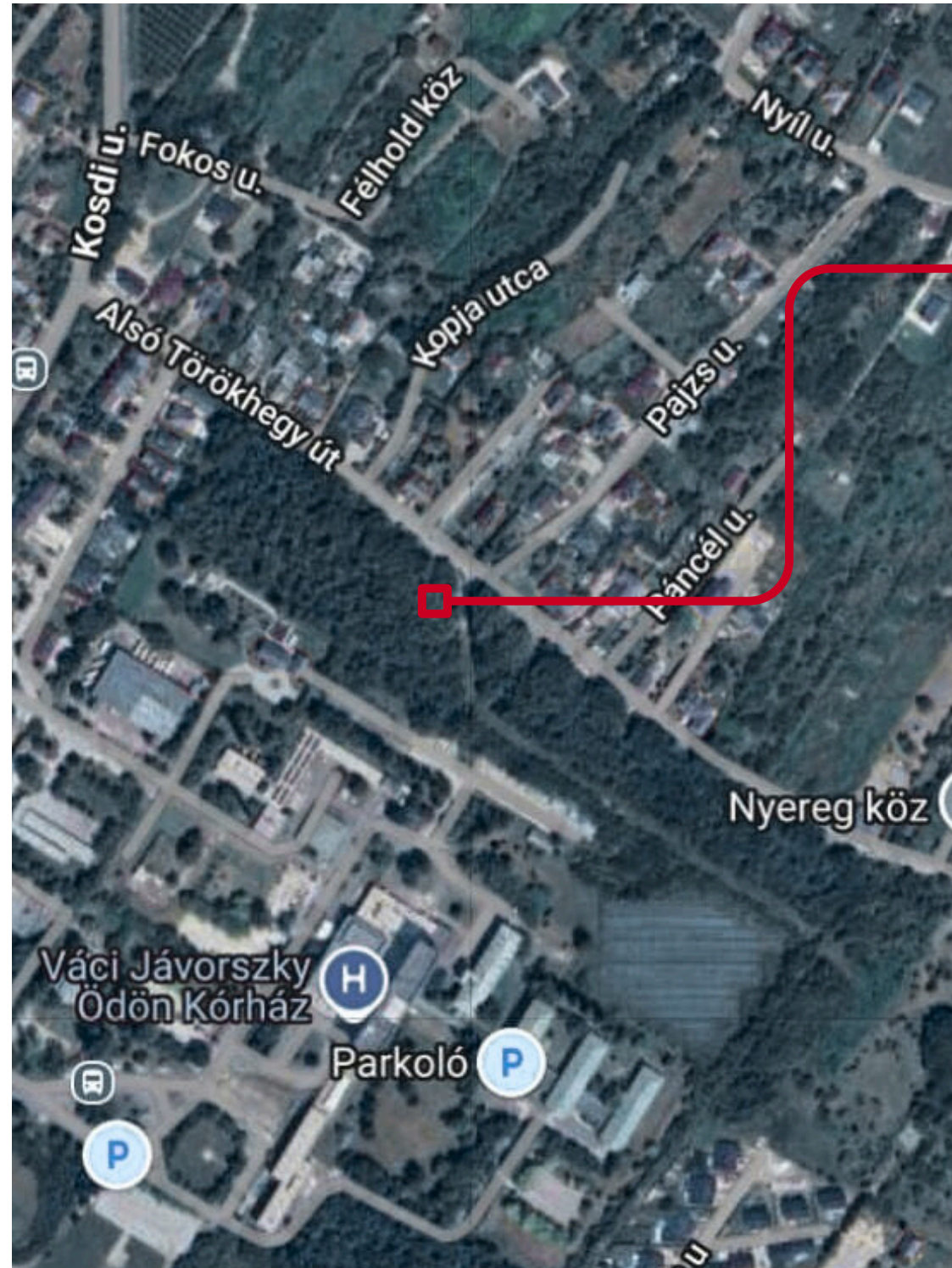
Interventions Beavatkozások

- ADOPTING A TREE - EGY FA
ÖRÖKBEFOGADÁSA

We aim to help children **embrace nature** by creating something as a gift to the tree. Through this action, they will **connect emotionally**, have a sense of **responsibility** and **instead of getting, they will giving back to the forest.**



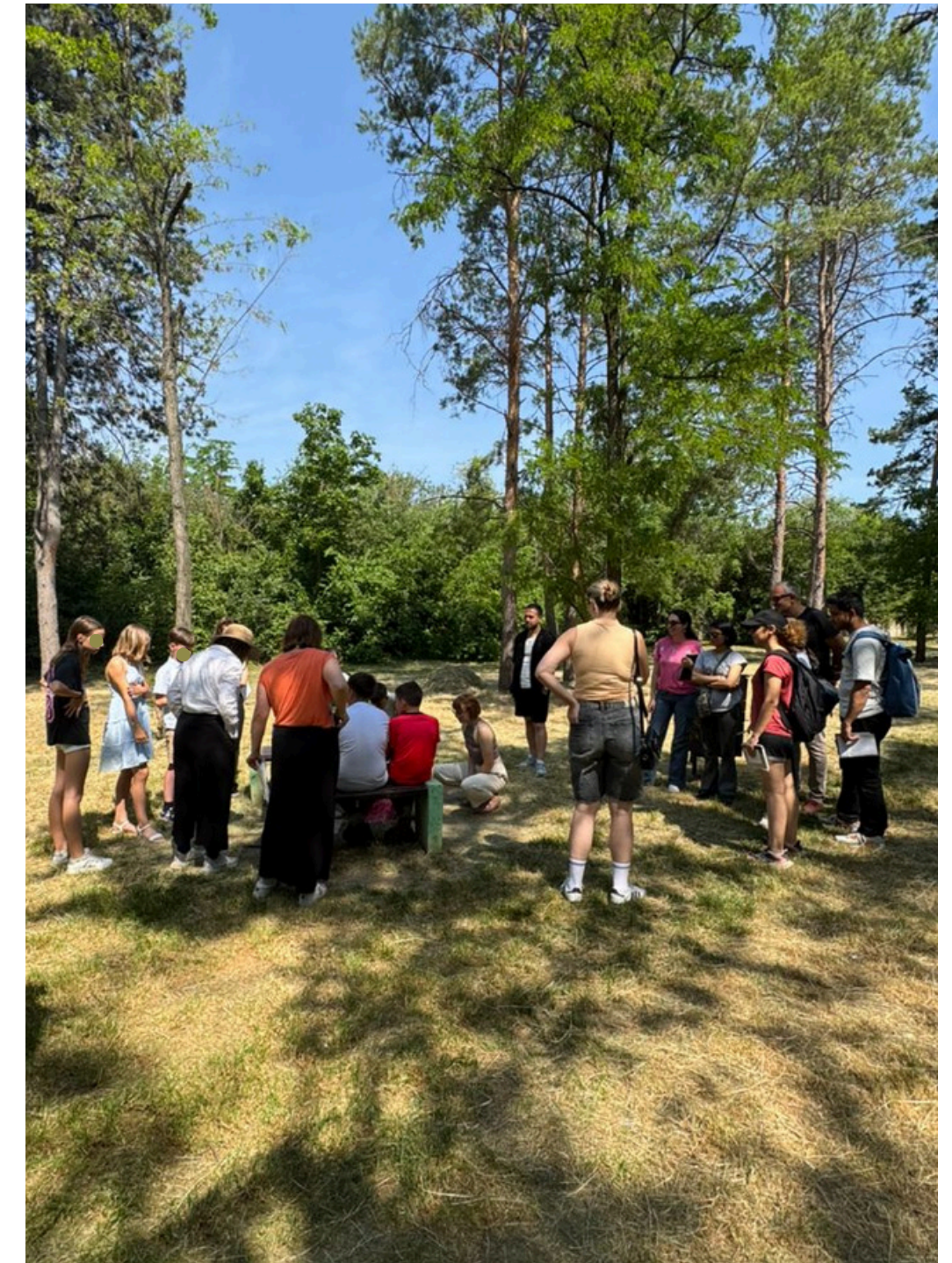
Long-term proposals



Thread pathways – The thread is a perennial intervention; the idea is that the community opens the pathways at the landmarks (the adopted trees).

Long-term proposals

Hosszú távú javaslatok



Tree adoption – Create a program to have local school classrooms or other community groups adopt trees, then regularly visit and assess their state, therefore 'managing them'.

Long-term proposals

Hosszú távú javaslatok



- Guardians of the forest can organize the community and take on education and cleaning initiatives.

Long-term proposals



- Community events held at the forest (initiated by the community or the municipality). Use of the formal communication channel.

Thank you!

Köszönjük a figyelmet!



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